

FRENCH STEM TEUTON WAVE ALONG WHOLE CHAOTIC LINE

**Titano German Drives Against
Galic Armies About Verdun
and In Woerth Region Still
Further Broken By Artillery**

**TROOPS OF CROWN PRINCE
LOSE CAPTURED TRENCHES**

**First Rush of Forces of Kaiser
Carried Twelve Miles of Allied
Front, With Capture of 17,000
Prisoners and Many Guns**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, March 1.—With three quarters of a million German troops under the Crown Prince, who have been massed on the lines north of Verdun, in an effort to smash through the French lines and win a way to Paris and victory, still stalled in the mud and snow of the trenches, the six-day battle of Verdun, one of the worst of the whole war, has now entered upon its second stage, and military experts here expect that within a day or so, the tale that the official reports have to tell will be one of French victory instead of Teuton triumphs.

Once again the guns have done the work that made them the pets of Napoleon and the Great Frederick. The six-inch rifled cannon and the three-inch field pieces have smashed once more the hopes of the Teuton commanders, have blown into splinters the advancing German hosts and have sent them reeling, sickened and disheartened back to the lines they left six days ago.

Gains Cost Dear
In fact, military men insist that the attack against the French lines at Verdun has been one of the most costly experiments the German commanders have yet made. The vicious thrusts of the Teutons are reported to be dying down fast, under the rain of shells from the French guns. This, it is said, is true not only of the lines north and east of Verdun, but also of the almost equally severe attacks in the Woerth district, where for several days supporting columns have been hurled at the French trenches, in an effort to keep re-inforcements away from the hard pressed Galic troops defending the Verdun positions.

The attempts on the part of the Germans to press forward again, attempts that have been repeated several times during the last twelve hours, have been utterly frustrated by the fire of the French seventy-five, the remarkable little field piece that has been the bane of the Teuton advance on many a bloody field since this war began.

Germans Driven Back
In many of the positions won by the first fierce drive of the Teutons, during which they threw away thousands of men, as a man might sprinkle water from his fingers, the only thing the invaders gained was the temporary right to claim an advance. Last night's report declares that they have lost many of the trenches they carried and thrown back onto the lines they occupied when the battle began in the Champagne district this is especially true, and the official statement says that the trenches at Seppois carried three days ago, have been regained by the French after desperate fighting.

The German works in the neighborhood of Hill 193 have been battered out of all shape and usefulness, and the Teutons have been forced to construct other trenches north of Cote du Poivre.

Much Still To Do
There remains much for the French to do before their lines can be straightened out however, and the official statement makes no attempt to conceal this fact. The advance of the Teutons east and southeast of Verdun extends along a front of more than twelve miles. Berlin is still claiming successful advances. "The German campaign in the Woerth plain," says the Teuton official statement, "is progressing satisfactorily." "The Germans," continues the statement, "are past the stages of Dieppe, Albancourt and Flaucourt, and have captured Manheulles and Champton. The total of wounded soldiers captured from the French now has reached 17,000. We have also taken 78 cannon and 86 machine guns."

Shattered Limbs In Air
Graphic descriptions of the Verdun fighting are given by soldiers sent home wounded from the front. One of them declares:

"The Germans advanced in series masses. Our shrapnel shells fell among them and cleared great gaps in their ranks. The artillery tore and cut them like scythes would cut. Limbs of men and trees, and bodies, were hurled into the air and fragments of flesh fell among us."

"The machine guns mowed down the Germans who were massed so close that they died at times could not fall."

"Severe air pressure, the result of continuous firing, sent the blood rushing to our ears and the lungs almost ceased working under the strain."

News from the front is that the

Gen. Felix Diaz Lands In Mexico To Lead Revolt

**Revolution Against Carranza
Government Stated To Be
gin Today at Oaxaca**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 1.—Special despatches to the New York Herald announce that Gen. Felix Diaz has landed at Tuxpan, Mexico, from his own vessel, and marched at the head of his followers toward Tierra Colorado. Later he moved his headquarters into Oaxaca. It is reported that 30,000 men are under arms, a portion of them near Mexico City.

El Norte, a Mexican paper printed in El Paso, is reported to have a story to the effect that Diaz will declare himself general in chief of the army, and announce that he has come to restore order instead of the chaos that has reigned in Mexico for so long. The revolution will start at Oaxaca this morning, says El Norte.

SPEED RECORD SMASHED IN WIRELESS SENDING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CHICAGO, March 1.—A speed of more than two hundred words a minute has been attained by the use of a recently perfected invention for the transmission of wireless despatches. The success of the experiments which led up to the feat was announced at the Great Lakes naval training station in Chicago, where the transmitting relay that made such speed possible has been under test for some time. The inventor of the machine is the operator of a private wireless plant in this city. Up to this time the speed of thirty words a minute was considered fast.

REVOLT IN NICARAGUA AIMED AT AMERICAN PACT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Minister Chamorro of Nicaragua, in a formal statement made last night, declared that the state department of his country has announced that the revolution in Nicaragua was deliberately fomented in New Orleans in the hope of preventing the ratification of the treaty with America. Minister Chamorro has named Rodolfo Espinosa, the Liberal candidate for president, as the leading figure in the alleged plot.

GENERAL SCOTT PRESENT AT MEETING OF CABINET

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—For the first time since the close of the Civil War, when President Lincoln called in commanding officers of his armies to discuss questions with the members of his cabinet, an officer of the army sat at a cabinet conference yesterday afternoon. It was Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and, since the resignation of former Secretary of War Garrison, acting as head of the war department.

NEW JAPANESE CONSUL DUE ON SHINYO MARU

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 29.—K. Ishi, for eign minister, will go to Hayama to meet Emperor Yoshihito.

Consul-General R. Mori, newly assigned to Honolulu, will sail from Yokohama in the Shinryo Maru, arriving at Honolulu April 3.

The Russian ambassador to Tokio will be sent elsewhere in the near future and a new ambassador appointed.

STEAMER RAMS JETTY BREECHES BOUY SAVES ALL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
MARSHFIELD, Oregon, February 29.—The steamer Piffard, from San Francisco for Bandon, struck the Coquille river jetty today and will be a total loss. All on board were saved, being conveyed ashore by prompt use of the breeches buoy.

STORM SCATTERS SAMPAHS

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 29.—A great storm swept Odawara, near Tokio, today, and many sampans are believed to be lost. The number may run into the hundreds, and the loss of life also into the hundreds. The government will send vessels in search of the boats of the fishing fleet.

BANDITS GET SECURITIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, February 29.—It was learned today that among the loot secured by robbers of money consigned to local banks and taken from a ferry was \$2500 in securities.

bombardment north of Verdun continued with great intensity. The Germans were repulsed in bloody hand-to-hand fighting near the village of Douaumont.

Evacuate Trebizond
In other theaters of the war the news from the Allies point of view continues good. A Central News despatch from Petrograd announces that the Turks have begun to evacuate Trebizond and other Transcaucasian cities before the advancing Russians.

The French auxiliary cruiser Provence was sunk Saturday last in the Mediterranean sea. Two hundred and ninety-six survivors have been landed at Malta. The total number of survivors is 870.

FACTIONS UNITE TO ATTACK YUAN

**Manchus and Yunnan Revolution-
ists Combine To Overthrow
Government**

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 29.—Two factions operating against Yuan Shih-kai have joined for the prosecution of their campaign. They are the Manchus, whose dynasty was overthrown by the first revolution, and the Yunnan revolutionists.

Yuan has promised the nation a new Chinese parliament, to be called during April, and a new constitution, now being drafted. It is reported, however, that the parliament, if it is approved, Yuan will organize a constitutional cabinet under its provisions. This is news contained in despatches from Peking.

SEEKS TO PLACATE FOES

A Tokyo cablegram to the Nippo Jiji a few days ago said that Yuan had issued a presidential edict saying that he had abandoned his intention to make himself emperor and that no petitions would be received from the people that he assume the purple. He was satisfied to be president, he said. The natural deduction, Japanese observers believe, is that Yuan is trying desperately to placate the revolutionists, but the latter, they assert, intend to prosecute their campaign until they have ousted Yuan and have restored the republic.

MILLION MEN OF ALLIES WAITING AT BORDEAUX

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 1.—Passengers reaching here yesterday on board the French liner Rochambeau reported that at Bordeaux there are more than 1,000,000 men of the allied armies waiting to be sent to the front. Part of this huge force, they declared, are some of the so-called "Kitchener army" and the rest are French troops drafted from the French colonies.

MANY MINERS TRAPPED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CUMBERLAND, Maryland, February 29.—Seventy-one miners were trapped today as the result of a mine explosion. Fifty-two were saved and six are known to be dead. Rescuers are working to save the remainder.

GERMAN STEAMERS SEIZED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 29.—Italy has requisitioned thirty-four of the thirty-seven German steamers interned at Italian ports.

Auxiliary Vessels Are Essential For War Efficiency In Navy

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Declaring that the United States needs the strongest navy in the world, Adm. Austin M. Knight, president of the Naval War College, told the house naval affairs committee yesterday that America maintains more policies which are irritating to other countries than any other nation.

His declarations were in support of his recommendations that the United States should have the first navy in strength.

Some Irritating Policies
He cited as instances of the policies which may create friction with other nations the Monroe Doctrine, which must be defanged; the control of the Panama canal and its resultant situation; the maintenance of the "open door" in China; and the movement to enforce Asiatic exclusion.

Such doctrines, he said, are likely at any time to conflict with the interests of other nations, who no longer will accept them. He declared that the United States is menaced, but was not required to state particulars.

Many Auxiliaries Needed
Admiral Knight did, however, repeat what he had told the committee the day before, namely, that it is essential for the navy to be supplied with repair ships, ammunition ships and ships for transportation of aeroplanes and dirigibles. He said that the plans for the construction of gigantic dirigibles for the United States are good, but insufficient to meet the requirements. One dirigible has been completed, he said, and there should be at least fifty, ready for service.

Senate Committee Hearing
The senate committee on naval affairs yesterday after some discussion failed to reach any conclusion regarding the proposal to spend \$2,000,000 for the betterment of the Puget Sound yard and the construction of equipment for the building of a battleship there. The committee apparently favored the plan.

**FIRST AMERICAN
DIRIGIBLE BUILT**
The United States navy's first dirigible war balloon recently was assembled at the Portsmouth navy yard and is ready for the final tests, which will take place at the navy aerostation, Pensacola, Florida. This craft, which is intended as a training balloon embodies up-to-date features and the latest improvements learned by the navy's observers in the great European war. It is the first of a fleet of dirigibles that the navy will build, and since it is necessary that the service shall train its men in the handling and maneuvering of dirigibles, this first one is not to be regarded, as to size and carrying capacity, as a sample of America's air fleet of the future.

Dirigible No. 1 is intended as a scout machine, although it possesses a lifting capacity sufficient to carry armament and the men required to man the guns. It is about 125 feet long and about 55 feet high, with a gas bag of 110,000 cubic feet capacity. It will be driven by a 140-horsepower engine with twin propellers of the swiveling type.

Contractors who have built the balloon predict that it will far exceed the navy's specifications in speed and cruising radius. There are many improvements embodied in this machine which for military reasons, are not made public at this time, and will not be divulged until it has passed its final test.

Behind In Military Aircraft
Officials of the navy and army have come to a full realization of the fact that this country is far behind all the European powers in military aircraft. Notwithstanding that both the aeroplane and the dirigible are the products of American brains and genius, other nations have developed the science of aerostatics until the United States has been left far behind and has practically no aeronautical equipment for its military establishment. That aircraft will have an important place in the scheme for the national defense, there is no doubt. Both the navy and army are contemplating adding a number of dirigibles and aeroplanes to their equipment and building up this branch of the service.

LOTTERY FRAUDS FLOOD THE MAILS

**War Abroad Adds New Troubles
to Uncle Sam's Post
Office Officials**

WASHINGTON, February 18.—Increase in the number of government lotteries abroad as the war drags itself out is forcing the United States postal authorities to be especially watchful to prevent their advertisements in this country. The lotteries are given publicity in the United States in two ways. It was said at the postoffice department today. Individual letters are written to American citizens in an effort to induce them to purchase tickets, and news stories are circulated of fabulous sums won.

Letters soliciting clients, if they fall into the department's hands, never reach their destinations. Some get through the department if on the outside they do not present a suspicious appearance. All the suspected letters are diverted and opened.

With news stories the department does not find it so easy to deal. The collector's office of the department holds that any news story advertising a lottery must be barred from the mails. Under the department's ruling this means any story giving publicity to a lottery. It does not have to be a paid advertisement.

Many news stories of European lotteries have been printed recently, the department says, which approach closely a violation of the law. A story that mentions the name of a winner or winners of a lottery is held to be a distinct violation. A story, too, that might be expected to attract such attention to a lottery that readers would investigate is held to be a violation.

A section of the law quoted by the department reads:

"No newspaper, circular, pamphlet or publication of any kind containing any advertisement of any lottery, gift enterprise or scheme of any kind offering prizes, dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance, or containing any list of the prizes drawn or awarded by means of any such lottery, gift enterprise or scheme, whether said list contains any part or all of such prizes, shall be deposited in or carried by the mails of the United States or be delivered by any postmaster or letter carrier."

Most of the lotteries being carried on in Europe now are for war benefits. Hospitals, the wounded, soldiers' dependents and other war victims are aided.

CUTS OUT CABLE BOUNTY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 1.—The governmental assistance which up to the present has been extended to the Pacific cable company, has now been discontinued. In 1914 the government paid the cable company £23,873.

RIVENBURGH 'OUT': SOON WILL BE 'IN'

**Leaves Tax Office But Will Be
Land Commissioner When
Tucker Quits**

Benjamin G. Rivenburgh, slated to be the next commissioner of public lands, was dismissed yesterday from the post he has been holding in the office of Tax Assessor Wilder, in order to make room for his successor there. The story back of the appointment of Mr. Rivenburgh to the office held for so many years by J. D. Tucker, covers a number of months. He was brought down here from the mainland last December for this post, but owing to the refusal of Tucker to resign he had to wait the moment when the land office shall have been emptied of its present occupants.

Then, too, Governor Pinkham has refused steadily to make any definite action regarding his plans for the successor to Tucker, and friends of Mr. Rivenburgh have been unable to move without the Governor's sanction. While Rivenburgh waited for the vacant land commissioner's post he was given the job in the tax office as a "stop gap."

The time has now come for the appointment of the permanent occupant of the position, and with the first of March, Rivenburgh was let out. How long he will be without a "job" longer it is expected that the Governor will announce his appointment to the land office at once, and that he will take his post next Saturday. It is understood that Willie Miles is to be named as chief deputy by the new commissioner.

CUPID SURE FREE SUGAR IS DOOMED

**Delegate Here To Fight Suit
Against Queen Liliuokalani:
Trust Deed**

That a few Democrats will oppose the repeal of the free sugar clause in the tariff, but that the measure surely will pass congress, is the opinion of Delegate Kubio Kalaianalo, who returned in the Matsonia yesterday from San Francisco, having left his legislative work in the national capital in order to be in Honolulu when the suit he instituted to set aside Queen Liliuokalani's trust deed gains comes up in court.

Kubio said yesterday that as soon as his case is concluded he would return to Washington. Some of the attorneys interested in the case have predicted that the case is good for a year or two, if not more.

He reports much progress being made in a number of bills affecting Hawaii and now before Congress, particularly in the retirement pension bill. Meeting Judge Dole, which has already been reported favorably out of committee.

STABBED BY COUNTRYMAN, JAPANESE LIKELY TO DIE

Takahama, a Japanese disembowelled Mizuawa, a fellow countryman, at Waipahu plantation Sunday morning. Mizuawa is dying at the Waipahu hospital. Takahama was arrested and is held at the police station.

There had been a quarrel between the two men a month before, and following the difference the men seemed to avoid each other. News of the assault became known yesterday, after Mizuawa had made a dying statement to Deputy City Attorney Carden, when he was visited at the hospital.

Takahama made a confession yesterday, and said that he could give no reason for the assault. The statement made by Mizuawa will not be made public until his death. He is not expected to live.

PEACE APOSTLE ORDERED TO GET OUT OF GERMANY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 1.—A despatch to the Post from Stockholm says that L. E. Locher, secretary for the Henry Ford peace party, has been ordered to leave Germany. The despatch quotes Locher as saying that he had spent but three days in Berlin when he was officially notified that his further presence in the Kaiser's capital was unwanted.

BOSTONIAN RAPS BRANDEIS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 29.—E. W. Hutchins of Boston, testifying today before the house subcommittee on judiciary, which is considering the Brandeis nomination for justice of the supreme court, said that Brandeis has the reputation as a lawyer of great ability but of not being straightforward.

POLICE HUNT AEROPLANE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DULUTH, March 1.—The police are reported to be searching for a huge aeroplane seen near the head of the American Great Lakes several times recently. It was declared that three figures were noted in the machine when it was seen yesterday afternoon.

SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 1.—According to despatches from Reuters agencies, an Austro-Hungarian submarine in the Mediterranean sea yesterday sank a Swedish steamer believed to have been the Tolberg. The crew of the sinking ship are said to have been rescued by a passing Spanish steamer.

SHEBA LEARNS OF FATHER'S DEATH

**Elder Man Famed As Poet and
Painter of Japanese
Landscapes**

A cable received yesterday from his sister by S. Sheba, former editor of the Hawaii Shimpo of this city, announced the death of their aged father last Monday in Kobe, Japan.

Seimei Sheba Sr., the deceased, was born in Yoshida, Japan, about sixty-five years ago. Yoshida is a city near Kobe of which the Elder Mr. Sheba was postmaster for many years.

The elder Sheba was noted a poet and artist of great ability by his countrymen, and his poetry and paintings were well known throughout the Empire. He specialized in landscape painting and six years ago, when he visited his son in Honolulu, he exhibited in the Alexander Young Hotel a collection of about 100 Japanese landscape scenes from his brush. The deceased was well known in Honolulu, both among the Japanese and the other residents of the city.

The deceased leaves a widow in Yoshida, a married daughter whose home is in Tokyo, but who was at the deathbed of her father when he died, and two sons, both of whom are residents of Honolulu—S. Sheba and Seimei Sheba Jr., the latter being manager of the Hawaii Shimpo, the well known Japanese daily paper of this city.

When apprised of the father's illness of his father some weeks ago S. Sheba decided to leave as soon as possible for Japan, and he looked to go by the Chiyo Maru, leaving Honolulu on Wednesday of next week. He sold his interests in the Hawaii Shimpo and resigned as managing editor. With the receipt of the news of the death of his father, Mr. Sheba has not changed his mind. He will make the trip, expecting to remain at least six months in Japan.

POI INSPECTION HAS DONE GOOD

**City Physician Proposes Farm-
ing Out Indigents To See
How It Works**

Dr. J. T. Wayson, city physician, has reported to the board of supervisors on the condition of the health of the city. His report shows that since inspection by the municipality there had been a great improvement in conditions at the fishmarket and that the fish shops are now in a much more sanitary condition than heretofore and the quality of poi greatly improved. Milk inspections have proved worth while.

Doctor Wayson recommends that a fund be placed at the disposal of the health committee to take care of a certain class of indigents who are not proper hospital patients nor eligible for entrance to Leahi Home. The reports says:

"There is a class of indigents which cannot be placed in hospital, neither are they proper subjects for Leahi Home. A sum of money should be placed at the disposal of the health committee to handle these cases by farming patients out at a small cost the day. In other words, pay one indigent who is able to do so for the care and maintenance of himself and a limited number of other indigents. It may be possible that this method would be of more value to the city than a so-called poor farm."

"A city cemetery is much needed. There has been a great increase in the number of indigents seeking relief."

TUMBLES FROM ROOF: FRACTURES SHOULDER

**Emergency Hospital and Police
Court Kept Busy**

While painting the roof of his home on Metcalf avenue, Joseph Guioz, fell about twenty-five feet to the ground sustaining a fracture of the right shoulder. He was taken to the emergency hospital and later transferred to the Queen's hospital.

Mrs. Mary Lane and her husband Ben, appeared at the hospital today, the result of a family row. Ben has been arrested and charged with assault and battery upon his wife. Mrs. Lane was badly cut on the hand by Pedro Malones, a Filipino, while riding a bicycle in Aala street yesterday afternoon, failed to notice an army quartermaster wagon, loaded with coal. The wagon and Malones collided, the shock of the collision caused some of the coal to roll from the wagon inflicting a deep gash over Pedro's right eye.

BEST MEDICINE MADE

A better medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration and assists nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Besides, it contains no opiates and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

WILSON INSISTS BICKERINGS IN CONGRESS COME TO INSTANT END

**Democrats Jarred By Powerful
Letter From President Telling
Them To Cease Their Squab-
bling As It Ties His Hands**

GERMAN DIVER CAMPAIGN MAKES CAPITOL ANXIOUS

**White Star Company Officers
Urge American Passenger To
Transfer Bookings To The
Ships of the American Line**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—The German submarine campaign against armed merchantmen flying the colors of the Allied nations began at midnight and making his task of maintaining the neutrality of America doubly difficult. In a letter sent to Representative Pau, acting chairman of the house committee on rules, the President asserts that unless the bickering and squabbling of the Democrats in congress is stopped he will be unable to proceed with his negotiations with Germany over the submarine tangle.

President Wilson has come forth with a flat-footed statement that congress must cease its dissensions, as they are weakening his position in the eyes of the world and making his task of maintaining the neutrality of America doubly difficult. In a letter sent to Representative Pau, acting chairman of the house committee on rules, the President asserts that unless the bickering and squabbling of the Democrats in congress is stopped he will be unable to proceed with his negotiations with Germany over the submarine tangle.

From all over the country, as well as from London, Berlin and Paris, come despatches indicating the intense interest that is being taken in this question. Semi-official despatches from Berlin and Vienna announced that both Germany and Austria will certainly live up to the terms of the threats their governments have made to trust armed merchant craft easy prey to the vessels of war, and to attack them without warning.

In the United States there appears to be a growing feeling against using vessels of the allies carrying guns for defense. The Pittsburgh office of the White Star Line is reported to have canceled bookings on the Lapland, Baltic and Adriatic, sailing from New York between March 7 and March 29. Officials of the White Star Line are said to be advising people not to use their steamers, but to transfer their bookings to the steamers of the American line, the St. Paul and the St. Louis.

Demands 'Show Down'
Mr. Wilson demands a "show down" on the various resolutions pending in the lower house, warning Americans to keep off armed merchantmen, and he asks Mr. Pau to bring the resolution between March 7 and March 29. Officials of the White Star Line are said to be advising people not to use their steamers, but to transfer their bookings to the steamers of the American line, the St. Paul and the St. Louis.

"This matter," he adds, "is of vital importance. Properly speaking it lies within the field of the executive's initiative, but without the support of congress I shall be unable to accomplish anything."

It is understood that the President has called Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign affairs committee and Representative Flood, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs for a conference at the White House this morning.

While few of the senate and house leaders would discuss the situation last night it is believed that most of them are confident that the present tangle will be straightened out, and that with the assistance of the Republican members the administration will win when the matter comes to a vote, and confidence restored.

ARMED STEAMERS DEPART

WASHINGTON, February 29.—The Italian liners Giuseppe Verdi and San Guglielmo, which are carrying guns, were allowed to clear from New York today on assurances from the Italian government that the armament was for defensive purposes only.

DENIES GERMAN CHARGES

LONDON, March 1.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of state for war trade, has issued a formal statement in which he denies that the admiralty has issued orders to armed British merchantmen to attack submarines.

"The truth is," says the statement, "that armed merchant craft have been instructed to fire only when attacked, and in defense of their existence. The Germans have deliberately twisted these instructions into an order of merchantmen to take the offensive."

MONSTER MORTARS ABLE TO BOMBARD BRITAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, March 1.—Fritz Baumbach, one of the co-directors of the Krupp plant, and the inventor of the 42 centimeter mortar, in an interview printed in the Berliner Tageblatt, this morning, declares that Germany will soon have cannon capable of bombarding the coast of Great Britain from the Continent.